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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back to school on Monday after their (and your) Easter break. We hope you managed to enjoy some quality family time.

It seems rather surreal to say, but this is our last short term on our temporary site after nearly 7 wonderful years. We're finally moving into our permanent 'school home'. WOW!

We have much to do to prepare for the move both before and during and it and thank you so much for all your offers of help - we will definitely be calling on you in different ways in the weeks ahead.

Before we do that, let's celebrate our first week of this Summer term. The children have started new and exciting topics and I wish I could be in every one of their classes!

Reception

In Reception, this term our themes are 'Growth', 'Change' and 'Building New Foundations'. This week we have started with topics 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Healthy Living'. We read and discussed a Spring story and them independently wrtoe about Spring. We them moved on to looking at and creating Summer flowers using collage. We've revised our Phase 3 and 4 sounds in Phonics and also reviewed our 2D and 3D shapes and number formation. We are really loving our new outside junk modelling area and really appreciate all the recycled materials you've dropped off for us to use in our upcycling projects.



Year 1

Our theme this term is 'Amazing Animals' and we can't wait to learn about different animals, their habitats and people like

Sir David Attenborough and Steve Backshall who have both made outstanding contributions

to educating children like us and adults about our beautiful planet. Apparently, we're going to explore animal camouflage through marbling techniques and creating 3D models of animals we will have researched. We can't wait! This week we completed some reading assessments and a Big Write about what we did over Easter. Mrs Powell and Mrs Abraham said they were SO impressed with how much progress we've made in our writing.



Year 2

Our theme this term is 'Ocean Explorers' and 'Plants'. We began our new topic by investigating recycling in Reading and discussing the effects of plastic pollution in the oceans and our roles in recycling. We then used this to help us to start creating a script film, which will educate adults on how to recycle. In Geography we've been identifying the 7 continents and 5 oceans on a World map and in Maths, we revisited addition of 2-digit numbers and methods we could use for this.



Year 3

'Superstructures' is our topic for this term and we've started it by researching different Superstructures around the World. We're then going to use this information to create a fact file for a place we've visited or would like to visit. We're looking forward to sketching our favourite Superstructures, focussing on our pencil skills in Art and will be planning, designing and building our own Superstructures in DT. In Maths, we've been focussing on division, using our times tables knowledge to help us solve word problems and we completed a 'Slow Write' in English.



Year 4

We're going to be 'Celebrating Caversham' this term - in so many different ways! We'll be conducting a local history study using resources from CADRA and carrying out some fieldwork studies looking at the physical and human features of the town. Later on this term, we'll then compare Caversham to other towns in Italy and Brazil with similarities. Did you know that John Lennon and Sir Paul McCartney performed at the Fox and Hounds Pub in Caversham in 1960?! We can't wait to study the work of Banksy in Art this term and to create our own stencils based on his work. Our Charanga Music unit of work is focused on the Beatles this term.



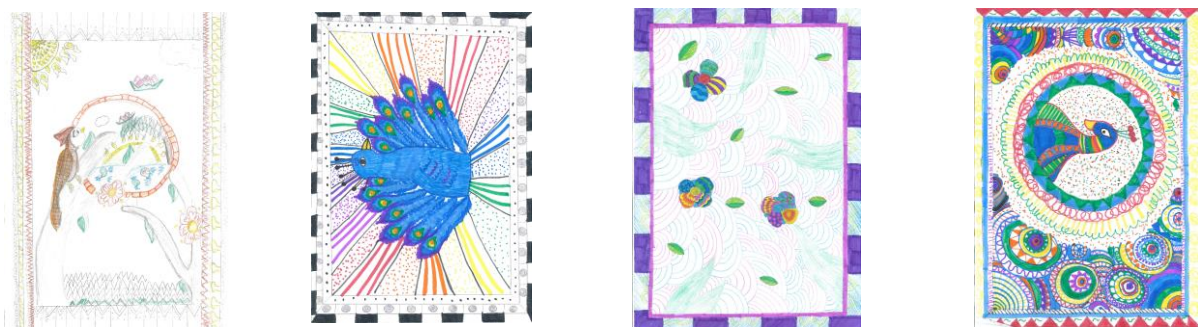
Year 5

What a start to the term! We kicked off our Ancient Greek topic by dressing up as Ancient Greeks this week, researching and making our own Greek dishes and exploring the similarities and differences between Ancient Greek democracy and our current UK democracy. We loved the dressing up day and also enjoyed planning and writing our own Greek myth, which included a hero, an ancient Greek God/Goddess and a monster, against the backdrop of an ancient Greek setting. Thank you to all the Year 5 staff who have made the start to our new topic so much fun!



Year 6

We have THE most amazing topic this term - 'Digital Revolution'. We're going to be exploring the vast changes in technology since the end of the first World War and discussing and analysing the causes and effects these advances have had on society. We can't wait to explore possible emerging technologies and ways that the World may continue to change over the coming decades. In Geography, we'll be exploring the ideas of globalisation and the human geography of our ever shrinking World. We'll be looking at the scientific revolution over the last 80 years and the art of indigenous people around the World. This week in Art we have been looking at Madhubani Art from India and here are works from Joshua, Greti, Phoebe and Holly.



Parent Class Reps

I will be meeting Parent Class Reps virtually on Monday 26th April at 1.45pm. If you have any constructive comments or feedback you wish to raise, please share these with your Class Rep to bring to the meeting.

Bikeability

Many thanks to Dawn Rosser, Rick and Sean for such a great first week of Cycle Training. The Year 6 children have loved taking part and have gained confidence whilst cycling on the roads - even the weather has been kind!

Parent Survey

We will be sending out a Parent Survey next week which we would like all families to complete. The survey contains questions that are based on those typically asked by Ofsted and will be used to gain an understanding of your thoughts about the Heights. Thank you in advance for completing this - your comments and feedback are always invaluable.

Dates for the diary

Year 3 Class Violin Lessons Start	Wednesday 28 th April
Heights & Weights - Reception & Year 6	Friday 7 th May
World Book Day/Pyjama Day (Dress Up)	Friday 14 th May
Class Photos	Thursday 27 th May
Last Day of Term	Friday 28 th May
Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June
Extra Ordinary INSET DAYS (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 7 th June & Tuesday 8 th June
Start of Term 6 - NEW SITE	Wednesday 9 th June
Year 4 Visit to Oxford Story Museum	Wednesday 16 th June (Details to follow)
Year 3 Lego Superstructures Workshop	Friday 18 th June (Details to follow)
Whole School Photo	Monday 21 st June
Year 5 Bikeability (details TBC)	Tues 22 nd June to Fri 25 th June and Tues 29 th June - Fri 2 nd July
Year 6 to Skern Lodge	Friday 16 th July to Monday 19 th July

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards